

RUSSIANS SWEEP ENEMY BEFORE THEM

LONDONSAYS
RUSS FORCES
DRIVE TURKS

Armies of Czar Continue
Terrific Onslaught on
Caucasus Front.

CAPTURE MORE TOWNS

Sultan's Troops Flee Before
Russians—Bitlis Evac-
uated, Claim.

London, Feb. 21. (2:30 p. m.)—The Russians have occupied the entire Lake Van district, the Turks retreating southward and even evacuating Bitlis, according to a Petrograd dispatch received in Rome and given out here by the Wireless Press. On the other wing, according to the dispatch, the Russian advance guards have arrived within a short distance of Trebizond on the Black sea coast.

Petrograd, Feb. 21. — A dispatch from Tiflis to the Bolshoi Gazette, says that the two Turkish army corps which were on their way to reinforce Erzerum, have turned back on information that the fortress had fallen.

Turkish Report.

Constantinople, Feb. 20. (via London, Feb. 21, 2:03 p. m.)—The following statement on military operations was issued today by the war office:

"Two hostile warships which shelled Seddul Bahr and Tekke Burnu on Feb. 18 were hit by several grenades from our batteries and compelled to withdraw.

"On Feb. 19 our batteries also compelled the retirement of a hostile monitor which bombarded the heights at Seddul Bahr.

"On Feb. 17 one of our airmen bombarded a transport ship anchored near Mudros. The ship was set on fire. Otherwise there was no events to report."

Bitlis Important Point.

Lake Van lies 100 miles southeast of Erzerum and Bitlis, a city of more than twenty-five thousand population is southwest of Lake Van, not more than ten miles from the nearest point on the lake shore.

Bitlis is on the direct line of a force pushing from Lake Van toward Diarbekir, about one hundred miles away, 50 miles beyond which city runs the Bagdad railway, possession of which by the Russians would cut Turkish communication with Syria and render hazardous the position of the Turkish forces facing the British down the Tigris in Mesopotamia and likewise that of their forces in Persia.

CONVENE RUSS DUMA
TO MEET TOMORROW

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—The duma has been convened to meet tomorrow.

The duma was prorogued on Sept. 15 last and on Dec. 7 Emperor Nicholas issued a rescript postponing indefinitely its reopening as well as that of the council of the empire, this action being taken, it was announced, on the ground that the budget committees of those bodies had not completed the preparation of the budget. Demonstrations were reported as having taken place in Petrograd and Moscow in protest against the refusal of the emperor to permit the reassembling of the duma.

GREEK CRUISER IS
SENT TO DURAZZO

Vessel Arrives at Albanian Port to
Protect Grecian Population Lo-
cated There.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The Greek cruiser Helle has arrived at the Albanian port of Durazzo to protect the Greek residents in that city and in the surrounding districts in case the Bulgarians should enter the city, says the Rome correspondent of the Petit Parisien.

In the Austro-Hungarian official report dated Feb. 20 it was stated that an advanced Italian position had been taken by the Austro-Hungarians near Bazar-Sjak, which lies about six miles northeast of Durazzo. It had previously been intimated in the Austrian official reports that the Bulgarians in Albania were operating against Avana, about eighty miles south of Durazzo.

The Greek cruiser Helle was formerly the Chinese warship Fei Hung and was purchased by Greece from China in 1914.

THE WAR
TODAY

The Russians have taken by storm the Turkish towns of Mush and Achilat, south of Erzerum and are in close pursuit of the Turkish army which is retreating from Erzerum. The southern wing of the Russian army is marching on Diarbekir, in the hope of opening up the road to Syria. The northern wing of the Russian army has captured the town of Widje and is driving the Turks back in the direction of Gamish Khaneh, which is on the road to Trebizond, while a large Russian force is moving westward from Erzerum, with the object of cutting off the Turkish troops before they can reach a new line of defense. Russian warships are shelling the Turkish batteries along the Black Sea coast and are also harassing the retreating troops.

The Germans are carrying on a vigorous offensive movement against the British and French along the Yser canal in Belgium, and have 350 metres of a position. The Germans, however, were prevented from crossing the canal. In the Champagne district, between the Meuse and the Moselle rivers, the French have bombarded successfully a German position.

The Austro-Hungarians have reported the capture of an Italian position northeast of Durazzo. This is the first indication that the Italians were operating so far north in Albania.

On the western fighting front the British are struggling with the Germans for small trench sections and the edges of mine craters. In the sector from Arras north to the Yser canal in Belgium.

Berlin declares today that a British hand grenade attack on the positions on the canal recently taken by the Germans was repulsed, as was also an attack along the Lens Arras road. The official statement likewise records a backward push for the British south of Loos, where they had advanced to the edge of a German mine crater.

Aerial raids along the Franco-Belgian front are reported by both sides. Paris also announces some artillery activity near Verdun and the repulse of two local attacks with hand grenades by the Germans northwest of Hill No. 140 in the Aisles.

Premier Asquith presents to the British parliament today motions for two new votes of credit aggregating \$20,000,000 pounds, calculated to finance the war to the end of the current fiscal year, March 31, for which purpose \$20,000,000 pounds is needed, and with the remainder to begin the new financial year with ample funds. Great Britain has called to the colors class one of the recruits under the military service act, comprising the youngest of the bachelors. The calling up of the single men now has been completed.

Latest Bulletins

Quebec, Feb. 21.—The parish church at Beauport, near this city, was destroyed by fire today. The fire started in the sacristy. The loss is estimated at about \$500,000. It is feared that a boy who entered the church to move a statue was burned in the ruins.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court today upheld the corporation tax as imposed on mining companies.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary Lansing today asked the London foreign office for prompt replies to the American notes protesting against seizures of mails and against application of the trading with the enemy act against American firms and interests.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—Francisco Villa with 300 men attacked an equal Carranza force under General Jesus Carranzas at Cusuhualchile last Friday and drove Carranzas to Chihuahua City, according to private messages received today from Chihuahua.

Washington, Feb. 21.—American consular representatives at Shanghai, were today instructed to gather full information of the removal of 88 Germans from the American steamer China on the high seas last week.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Fire in the laundry at the government bureau of printing and engraving this afternoon, accompanied by loud explosions, threw many hundreds of employees into a panic and spread reports of a bomb plot. The flames broke out in a small building, detached from the main structure.

ENGLISH ARE
AGAIN RAIDED
BY AIR CRAFT

German Aeroplanes Circle
Over the British Coast
Dropping Bombs.

BIG MATERIAL DAMAGE

Much Property Wrecked by
Raiders—Deaths Are
Placed at Three.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—An official statement issued here today says that German naval aeroplanes on Sunday dropped a large number of bombs on the aerodrome and camp at Furnes, in west Flanders, near the North sea, and returned safely.

The official German account of the raid by German naval aircraft on the British coast yesterday, issued today by the admiralty, follows:

"German naval aeroplanes on Feb. 20 at noon attacked the British coast. Bombs were hurled with good success on factories in the rear of the railroad and on the docks and gasometer in Lowestoft. The main station and docks in Lowestoft were hit several times. The gasometer broke down under the effect of the bombs. In addition, two tank steamers were bombed.

"In spite of the enemy's fire and pursuit by aeroplanes all the German machines returned safely."

England Admits Raid.

London, Feb. 21.—Four German aeroplanes yesterday made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to an official announcement by the war office. The total casualties are given as two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded. Considerable material damage was done.

The official communication says: "Four German aeroplanes made a raid over the east and southeast coasts at noon today.

"The first raiders, two biplanes, appeared over Lowestoft at 10:55 a. m. and circled over the south side of the town for five minutes and dropped bombs. In about five minutes they rose to a great height and seemingly vanished. At 11:50 a. m. two seaplanes were again over the town and then vanished eastward.

Drop 17 Bombs.

"Altogether 17 small high explosive bombs were dropped. There were no casualties. Considerable damage was caused to the outbuildings of a restaurant and to two dwelling houses. Two naval seaplanes went up at 11:05 a. m. and pursued the raiders, but without result.

"Meanwhile, two other German seaplanes were making for the Kentish coast. The first passed over the Kentish Knock light vessel, dropping bombs in that vicinity at 11:20 a. m. The last raider made straight for Walmer. Reaching that town at 11:27 a. m., flying at less than 2,500 feet, it dropped six bombs and turned sharply to the east.

Causes Damage to Church.

"Two of the bombs that fell destroyed roofs and broke windows in the neighborhood. One of them fell close to a church, blowing in the windows as the congregation was singing 'Te Deum.' A third bomb fell on a road running along the beach, killing one civilian and injuring one marine. "The total casualties were two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded.

"Two of our aeroplanes which went up from Dover pursued the raider, but apparently could not overtake him."

Lowestoft Damage Slight.

Lowestoft, Feb. 21.—The damage done here by the air raiders was not serious. One bomb demolished the corrugated roof of a saw mill; another unroofed a private house; a third smashed the windows of a hotel, while a fourth smashed the windows of a church without injuring any of the worshippers.

Another bomb fell squarely into a bedroom of a workman's house, but injured nobody. Several bombs fell harmlessly into gardens and vacant lots.

Investigate Spy's Escape.

New York, Feb. 21.—Agents of the department of justice here are investigating the circumstances attending the escape of Ignatius T. Lincoln, the self-styled international spy, who was recaptured Saturday after nearly a month's freedom. It is hinted that more arrests may result if it is found Lincoln was wilfully aided to make his escape or given shelter by persons who knew he was a fugitive.

RESCUE PARTIES
HELP SUFFERERS
IN FLOOD ZONES

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—With four steamers and numerous flatboats engaged in rescue work, reports from the district flooded by the Mississippi levee break at Buck Ridge were more optimistic.

Two steamers loaded with refugees had reached Natchez today from the neighborhood of Newellton. Two other steamers were working between Natchez and the Buck Ridge crevasse, where flood victims are suffering most from exposure and lack of food.

Reports from Newellton say a number of parties with supplies have gone into the back country in shallow draft scows to search for persons whom it has been impossible to reach. By using these boats many rescues were expected.

Water from the constantly widening crevasse at Buck Ridge was reported rapidly covering Tensas, Concordia, Franklin and Catahoula parishes. The Mississippi river is mingling with the Red river a short distance below Vidalia and Ferriday, it was announced, and the belief was that by the end of this week the pressure on the Red river would force it much higher. With the exception of the Buck Ridge crevasse the Mississippi river levees continued to stand the strain today. A horseback patrol is being maintained from Buck Ridge to below New Orleans.

Along the Atchafalaya river before Melville the crevasse was today reported to have widened considerably. No effort to check the flow will be attempted as the additional damage will not be great. The only serious losses in this district are reported by the timber contractors. Backwater was reported rising very slowly, and Melville and Krotz Springs were believed safe from serious flood.

State Officials Put On Trial.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 21.—Walter J. Smith, former Minnesota state treasurer and H. C. Pickett, deposed clerk of the state investment board, were placed on trial in the district court here today on indictments resulting from alleged mishandling of state funds, involving more than \$28,000. All the money has been repaid to the state treasury.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy and probably unsettled tonight and Tuesday; somewhat warmer tonight, with the lowest temperature slightly above freezing.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 30. Highest yesterday, 41. Lowest last night, 29. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 73; at 7 a. m., 77; at 1 p. m. today, 65. Stage of water, 10.6; a rise of .1 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Senate Asks
to Take Slap
at Elihu Root

Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee asking President Wilson to submit the correspondence between the United States and Korea when Japan occupied that kingdom during the Russo-Japanese war. Administration leaders, it was said, want to use this information in reply to Elihu Root's attack on the president because no protest was made against the occupation of Belgium.

Senator Stone's resolution calls on the president to "transmit, if not incompatible with the public interest, correspondence, or so much thereof as in his opinion may be made public, between official representatives of the United States government and the representatives of Korea relating to the occupation of Korea and establishment of a protectorate over said country by Japan during, or as an incident of, the Russo-Japanese war in 1904-1905."

Administration officials said today they proposed to show by the correspondence that the United States was bound by treaty to aid Korea, whereas the treaty with Belgium provides only that the United States should respect the neutrality of Belgium. They declare Colonel Roosevelt, as president, and Mr. Root, as secretary of state, ignored an appeal from Korea.

MINERS TRYING TO
REACH AGREEMENT

New York, Feb. 21.—Members of the wage scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, headed by John P. White, president of the union, conferred here today with representatives of anthracite coal operators in an attempt to reach an agreement to govern the relations of the miners and their employers after March 31, when the agreement now in force expires.

The United Mine Workers demand that the agreement shall remain in force for only two years instead of the customary four years.

The other demands of the anthracite miners are for a 20 per cent increase in wages, an eight hour working day and recognition by the operators of the United Mine Workers of America as a union.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 21.—The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, scheduled to convene here March 1, has been indefinitely postponed because demands before the joint scale committee in session at Mobile, Ala., have not been settled.

LAD FOUND DEAD IN
METHODIST CHURCH

Burlington, Iowa, Feb. 21.—According to a Gazette dispatch from Osceola, Iowa, Frank Slinker, 16 years old, was found dead in the bathroom connected with the gymnasium in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church. The body was found at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon by the janitor, who detected the odor of gas proceeding from the bathroom.

CRONES TAUNTS
POLICE WITH HIS
FOURTH LETTER

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Jean Crones, wanted in connection with the placing of poison in the soup at a banquet recently given Archbishop Mundelein, is on the way from New York to Chicago, in the opinion of the police. This theory was advanced by Chief of Detectives Nicholas Hunt on the receipt of information that a letter had been received by the New York police purporting to be from Crones, saying that he was leaving there. Every railroad station at which trains arrived from the east is being closely watched today and the police of cities between Chicago and New York have been asked to watch for him.

Reports from New York, however, say that Crones has not left there and that he will remain until Thursday. A man supposed to be Crones called a newspaper office in New York twice yesterday and informed the city editor of his intention to prolong his stay. The police are making every effort to locate the man but have been unable to locate a single clue of value.

New York, Feb. 21.—The police today expressed confidence that the passion for notoriety shown by Jean Crones, the Chicago anarchist who attempted to poison Archbishop Mundelein and 300 other guests, would result in his capture in the same manner as a similar desire for publicity trapped Ignatius T. Lincoln, the German spy.

Crones' latest exploit was to call up a local newspaper twice and announce that he intended to stay in New York until Thursday. His announcement was coupled with a threat against his brother, Paul Crones, on account of an interview Paul had given to the newspaper.

Crones' love of writing boastful letters has inspired imitators. Two letters signed "Jean Crones," which have been received by the police within the past 24 hours are declared to be fakes, as neither the writing nor the language are those of the fugitive.

Rev. Isaac Cook Dead.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Rev. Isaac Cook, 84 years old, former president of Ohio State university at Columbus, Ohio, and of the University of the Pacific, San Jose, Cal., died suddenly at his home here late last night of heart failure.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.
Interstate commerce committee continued hearings on child labor bill.

Indian affairs committee considered appropriation bill.
Military committee resumed work on army bill and considered resolution to investigate army aviation service.

Resumed debate on Shields Water power bill.

HOUSE.
Military and naval committees continued hearings on national defense.
Debate on postoffice appropriation bill resumed.

SUB ISSUE IS
REGARDED IN
GRAVE LIGHT

Washington Officials Deeply
Concerned Over For-
eign Situation.

DIFFER ON QUESTION

United States and Germanic
Powers Continue Their
Negotiations.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna cabled today that he had presented the American note asking for investigation and explanation of the attack on the American tanker Petroli near Alexandria several weeks ago and had been promised a prompt reply.

Washington, Feb. 21.—State department officials said today they consider the submarine issue with Germany still in a grave state because the Lusitania negotiations, in the light of the newly announced policy of the Germanic powers, contains no assurances for the future, and officials do not feel that it clearly guarantees against another such disaster as the sinking of the Lusitania, because, though it refers to the assurances that German submarines would not sink unresisting liners, it does not reiterate them.

It was demonstrated that the Lusitania was wholly unarmed, but the United States has since taken the position that it considers a ship armed for defensive purposes only and a ship carrying no guns in the same class. The German contention is that under the new conditions of naval warfare brought about by the advent of the submarine, a merchant ship to be immune from attack should carry no arms whatever.

To Be Aired in Senate.

The submarine issue with Germany and the Mexican situation will be aired in the senate this week.

Senator Stone will lead the democrats in presenting the administration's viewpoint of the tense situation that has arisen from Germany's announced intention to sink all armed merchant ships of the enemy. The democrats have determined to meet what they term an effort on the part of the republican senators to make a partisan of the diplomatic controversy.

Republican senators are planning to open an attack on President Wilson's report on Senator Fall's resolution asking for information concerning the Carranza government. They express disappointment that the president and Secretary Lansing failed to disclose diplomatic correspondence relating to political conditions in Mexico which led up to the recognition of Carranza.

Lansing Denies Reports.

Secretary Lansing today denied reports that he contemplated calling high Teutonic officials to the state department to explain various recent newspaper dispatches from Washington. He said there was no change in his official or personal relations with Count von Bernstorff.

It has been known for some time that administration officials objected to information regarding diplomatic negotiations, about which the state department was silent, reaching the public apparently through diplomatic sources. It is said at the state department that unless diplomats stop divulging information the department may take into consideration the question of having them withdrawn, although so far such action is not actually contemplated.

STORM DESTROYS
ZEPPELIN SHED

Housing for Four German Dirigibles
Said to Have Been Wrecked
by Strong Gale.

Berne, (via Paris), Feb. 21.—A dispatch from Romanshore says that the new shed constructed to house four Zeppelins at Friedrichshafen was partially destroyed in a storm last Tuesday. There was no loss of life and it is not known whether any damage was done to the Zeppelins.

Friedrichshafen, a town of Wurttemberg, on the Lake of Constance, is the chief construction and repairing place for Zeppelins, the first tests of which are usually made over the lake. Romanshore is also on the lake, but in Swiss territory.